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FOR MICHAEL B. SMITH

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 213754 ACTION MANILA INFO GENEVA
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QUOTE

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SUBJECT:TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT WE WOULD NOT, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL, BE UNWILLING TO CONSULT ON ANY QUESTION RELATING TO AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WE OPPOSE CONCEPT OF SIDE LETTERS. SINCE SUCH LETTERS HAVE FORCE OF AGREEMENT AND, WOULD BE PUBLISHED WPTH NOTE, WE PREFER TO CONFINE ANY CHANGES TO NOTE ITSELF. IN ADDITION, WE WISH TO AVOID ANY POTENTIAL FOR MISINTERPRETATION THAT COULD COME FROM ITEMIZATION OF MATTERS UPON WHICH WE WOULD CONSULT.

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2. WE APPRECIATE PATERNO'S PROBLEM AND IF PARA 17 OF DRAFT AGREEMENT DOES NOT MAKE OUR INTENT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS CLEAR, ON ANY QUESTION INVOLVING THE AGREEMENT, WE ARE PREPARED TO CHANGE WORDING OF THAT PARA

AS FOLLOWS:

"17. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AGREE TO
CONSULT ON ANY QUESTION CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT."

3. WE HOPE OFFER OF NEW PARA 17 LANGUAGE WILL ENABLE
GOP TO PROCEED WITH SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER,
PATERNO AND INDUSTRY MUST UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. WILLINGNESS
CONSULT ON CATEGORIES WITH SPECIFIC LIMITS DOES NOT
PRESAGE SOFTENING OF U.S. POSITION ON THESE CATEGORIES.
THREE CATEGORIES RAISED BY PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY ARE VERY
SENSITIVE CATEGORIES FOR US, AND INCREASES ABOVE CURRENT
LEVELS WERE GRANTED DURING NEGOTIATIONS. IN ABSENCE
OF UNEXPECTED CHANGES IN THIS SITUATION, WE WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO GRANT ADDPTIONAL INCREASES SHOULD GOP REQUEST
CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER IUNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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